South Pacific Fisheries on Verge of Collapse

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Fisheries in the South Pacific face collapse in the next 25 years. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community, which represents 26 nations, says that overfishing, population growth and climate change threaten one of the region's main economic resources. The Secretariat says that fisheries in the region face devastation unless immediate action is taken to preserve and manage stocks. Fisheries in the South Pacific are worth about \$2 billion a year and the region is home to a quarter of global tuna supplies. The secretariat says the lucrative fishing industry has been poorly managed, with a lack of coordination between the various island nations in South Pacific. Its report calls for a more thoughtful approach to administering a vital natural resource to ensure the oceans are harvested in a sustainable manner. More

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